

## CLAIMS

1. A method of manufacturing a pleated product comprising:  
folding a part of a fabric for a pleated product comprising warp and weft along a  
5 folding line tilted relative to the warp and the weft, one of the warp and the weft being  
formed of easy-to-pleat yarn and the other formed of hard-to-pleat yarn;  
pleating said fabric up to the folding line in a passing direction of the warp or the  
weft; and  
unfolded and washing the fabric.

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2. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein a plurality of said fabrics for a pleated product are sewn together so that passing  
directions of the warp and the weft are different, and folded along a folding line tilted  
relative to the warp and the weft, followed by the pleating.

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3. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein a part of said fabric of a pleated product is folded more than once along folding  
lines tilted relative to the warp and the weft, followed by the pleating.

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4. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 2,  
wherein a part of said fabric of a pleated product is folded more than once along folding  
lines tilted relative to the warp and the weft, followed by the pleating.

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5. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein an angle of the folding line tilted relative to the warp and the weft is 45 degrees.

6. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 2,  
wherein an angle of the folding line tilted relative to the warp and the weft is 45 degrees.

5 7. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 3,  
wherein angles of the folding lines tilted relative to the warp and the weft are 45 degrees.

8. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 4,  
wherein angles of the folding lines tilted relative to the warp and the weft are 45 degrees.

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9. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn,  
acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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10. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 2,  
wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn,  
acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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11. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 3,  
wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn,  
acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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12. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 4,  
wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn,  
acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

13. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 5, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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14. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 6, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

10 15. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 7, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

15 16. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 8, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

17. A fabric for a pleated product comprising warp and weft, wherein one of said warp and weft is easy-to-pleat yarn and the other is hard-to-pleat yarn.

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18. A fabric for a pleated product claimed in claim 17, wherein a plurality of said fabrics for a pleated product are sewn together so that passing directions of the warp and the weft are different.

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19. A fabric for a pleated product claimed in claim 17, wherein said hard-to-

pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

20. A fabric for a pleated product claimed in claim 18, wherein said hard-to-  
5 pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.